

House Resolution 1088

By: Representatives Smith of the 129th, Buckner of the 130th, Smith of the 131st, Rogers of the 26th, Harbin of the 118th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Celebrating the life of William Garland Jordan and offering condolences to his family and
2 friends upon his passing; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, William Garland Jordan, a widely respected transportation engineer, passed
4 away January 1, 2008, at the age of 51, after a valiant battle with cancer; and

5 WHEREAS, he was born in Columbus, Georgia, on December 4, 1956, the son of the late
6 Eleanor Jean Jordan and the late Supreme Court Justice Robert Henry Jordan, and he was the
7 youngest of four children born to them; and

8 WHEREAS, he lived in Talbotton during his early years and graduated from the Brookstone
9 Academy in Columbus and from the Georgia Institute of Technology in 1979 with a degree
10 in Bachelor of Civil Engineering; and

11 WHEREAS, he was a transportation engineer with more than 26 years of project
12 management of complex roadway and bridge projects, performing value engineering studies
13 on nearly 100 projects, and was involved in the design of over 800 bridges in the
14 southeastern United States; and

15 WHEREAS, since 2003, he had been involved in public-private initiatives on four large
16 projects in Georgia, and had developed new approaches for public sector clients to attract
17 private capital and minimize government resource to fund major transportation
18 improvements; and

19 WHEREAS, he had a passion for outdoor life, and was an accomplished outdoorsman who
20 enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, and golf; he traveled far and wide to pursue those
21 interests, but his favorite places were Lake Seminole and the North Georgia woods, where
22 he had a weekend retreat; he was also a talented artist, who did fine work in wood carving,

1 making duck decoys, fish sculptures, and all kinds of objects reflecting the natural world he
2 loved so much; and

3 WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife of 24 years, Nancy Ingram Jordan of Marietta; sons,
4 William Lawton Jordan and Harrison Whitehurst Jordan, both of Marietta; sister, Barbara
5 Jordan Holder and her husband, Patrick Holder of LaGrange; brother, David Claude Jordan
6 and his wife, Lin Jordan of Talbotton; and several nieces and nephews; and

7 WHEREAS, William Garland Jordan led a life of service to his state and to his family and
8 will be greatly missed by all those who knew him.

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
10 the members of this body celebrate the life of William Garland Jordan and offer their
11 sincerest condolences to his family and friends at this trying time.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
13 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of William
14 Garland Jordan.